

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of April, A.D., 2019, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas convened in **REGULAR SESSION** of said Court, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse of Zapata, Texas, with the following members of said Court, to-wit:

PRESENT:

Hon. Joseph Rathmell	County Judge
Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Trevino, Triunfo Gonzalez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Biral Patel, Maria Adelina Guerra, Sylvia G. Ramirez, Thelma Gonzalez, Carlos Ramirez, Martha Ramirez, Lynette Villarreal, Alma D. Canales, Norma Ramirez, Romeo G. Canales, Jorge L. Zapata, Gerardo D. Gonzalez, Karran Westerman, Jesse Rodriguez, Adriana Figueroa, and Ray Del Bosque.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.
ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karran Westerman informed the court that there will be an Easter egg hunt on April 20, 2019 at the Siesta Shores Park.

Judge Rathmell commented that he received an email stating that Chief Meza was inducted into the Texas Division of Emergency Management Hall of Fame.

Nellie R. Treviño invited everyone to the 5th Annual Autism 5K walk.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that there was a nature walk on Saturday, April 6. There was also a Health Fair at the community center.

Ms. Biral Patel, a representative of TAC, spoke about the Wellness Program and other programs available.

Commissioner Mendoza recognized people in the audience who have concerns regarding the game rooms in Falcon, Texas.

Mrs. Alma Canales addressed the court regarding concerns they have with the game rooms in Falcon, Texas.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING SAID FIGUEROA TO AMEND ARM ORDINANCE TO
ADDRESS CONCERNS OF FALCON, TEXAS RESIDENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Said Figueroa to amend the Amusement Redemption Machine (ARM) Ordinance to address concerns of Falcon, Texas residents as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 4 Subchapter D, Section 551.071(A)(B), Consultation with Attorney.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices, including invoices payable to Genaro Quiroz in the amount of \$350 and invoice payable to Juan Luna in the amount of \$580, as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Treasurer's Report as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Assessor/Collector's office reported Hotel-Motel tax collections in the amount of \$11,979.06 for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$61,964.40 and tax collections at a year-to-date rate of 83.6% and total collections in the amount of \$5,589,003.85.

**UPDATE BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON STATUS OF
MEXICAN FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE**

Jerry Gonzalez of United States Department of Agriculture gave a status update on the Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine. He reported that fruit flies and larvae have been detected and asked the public to pick up fruit that will not be eaten and double bag it for disposal. Both Zapata and Webb County are under quarantine.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COURT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To approve payment of \$1,800.00 to Abelardo Mendoza for work done at the Zapata County Shop as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

ORDER APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 IN CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to include the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Certificate of Obligation for the replacement of pumps for 10 lift stations as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$45,000 FROM ROYALTY FUND BALANCE TO COUNTY PROPERTY AND REPAIRS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to transfer \$45,000 from the Royalty Fund balance to County Property & Repairs 10-409-465 as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF WALK BEHIND TRENCHER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve purchase of walk behind trencher for the purchase price of \$13,150.00 as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PROPOSAL FROM STW, INC. INCLUDING UTILITY MANAGEMENT APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Financial Software proposal from STW, Inc., including Utility Management Application. Five yearly payments of \$30,177 at 0% interest rate for full conversion, implementation and training. Year 6 and beyond will be at the annual cost of \$16,942 (\$1,411.83 monthly) as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY GUILLERMO SAENZ REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEE SCHEDULE TO COVER NUISANCE CITATION FEES ISSUED BY ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director, regarding establishment of a fee schedule to cover nuisance citation fees issued by the Environmental Director Guillermo Saenz.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES AND REVIEW STATUS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoice in the amount of \$8,068.71 payable to ACP Construction and invoice in the amount of \$14,079.76 payable to Premier Engineering for the Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Project is 99% complete and is only pending training, electrical testing, misc. concrete, fencing and vegetation.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING PLAT OF TRACT 20B RANCHITOS SAN JOSE SUBDIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Plat of Tract 20B Ranchitos San Jose Subdivision as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY MANUEL GONZALEZ OF PREMIER
ENGINEERING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF STORM DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTERSECTION OF 4TH AND RAMIRENO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez of Premier Engineering regarding consideration of storm drainage improvements for intersection of 4th and Ramireño as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Discussion: Estimate for supplies is \$10,550.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY MANUEL GONZALEZ OF PREMIER
ENGINEERING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF WATERLINE EXTENSION
TO TxDOT ROADSIDE PARK NORTH OF SAN YGNACIO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez of Premier Engineering regarding consideration of waterline extension to TxDOT roadside park North of San Ygnacio as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT AND STREET HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of a street light at the following location:

- a. 204 Lopeño Third Street, Lopeño townsite (Sanchez) Block 7, Lot 6-7
- as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of a speed hump at the following location:

- a. Guerrero Street by Juarez Ave. and Ocampo

as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of a street light at the following location:

- a. 4466 N U.S. Hwy 83, San Ygnacio, TX

as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	County Judge's Office	10-400-310	Office Supplies	\$400.00
TO	County Judge's Office	10-400-330	Fuel/Maintenance	\$400.00

as requested by Roxanna Elizondo, County Judge's Office.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-312	Communications & Programs	\$750.00
TO	Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshops & Travel Expenses	\$750.00
FROM	Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-310	Office Supplies	\$750.00
TO	Texas A&M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshops & Travel Expenses	\$750.00

as requested by Jesus F. Rodriguez, Extension Agent.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB1496 CALLING FOR CREATION AND FUNDING OF A PILOT STUDY CONDUCTED BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR HYDROLOGIC AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING CHARACTERIZATION AND MODELING OF RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN WEBB AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a resolution supporting SB1496 calling for the creation and funding of a pilot study conducted by the Texas Water Development Board and providing for hydrologic and water quality monitoring characterization and modeling of the Rio Grande watershed in Webb and Zapata County as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

There being no further business for disposition at this term, the Court adjourned.

JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS
COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS